Statement

Number of cultivators, agricultural labourers and other workers associated with agriculture from 1951 "to 1991

Year	Cultivators	Agri. Labourers	Other workers	Total
1951	69.9	27.3	42.8	140
1961	99.6	31.5	57.6	188.7
1971	78.2	47.5	54.7	180.4
1981	92.5	55.5	96.6(a)	244.6
1991	110.7	74.6	128.8(a)	314.1

(a) Includes marginal workers.
SOURCE: Registrar General of India, New Delhi.

Encroachment upon DMS land

† 2763. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had provided land at some point of time to Delhi Milk Scheme for installation of a chilling plant; if so, the details of the area of the said land, its location and its market price;

(b) whether it is a fact that some society has encroached upon this invaluable Government land;

(c) whether Delhi Milk Scheme is helpless in getting the said land vacated, despite its efforts; and

(d) if so, by when Government would get the encroachment removed and hand-over possession of the land to Delhi Milk Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, 38.21 acres of land at 21 places in the States of U.P., Haryana and NCT of Delhi was acquired by DMS to install Milk

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Collection & Chilling Centres (MC & CC). In one of such centres in Bahadurgarh, Haryana land measuring 2 acres, valued at Rs. 8,120/- at the time of taking over in 1962, an attempt was made by Sir Deen Bandhu Chottu Ram Dharamshala to encroach it in August 2001. However, the Government approached the court and a stay order has been obtained from the court against the party.

Irregularities in I ARC

† 2764. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether major irregularities have been found in the internal audit accomplished by the Ministry due to which IARC had to incur heavy losses;

(b) if so, the names of officers actually responsible for these irregularities and the amount of loss suffered by IARC in crores; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government against the officers found responsible, on the basis of the internal audit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Special audit was conducted by Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Agriculture from 27.12.99 to 14.1.2000. The Audit Report was received in ICAR on 7.9.2000. This report contains observations on different issues such as Civil works, Amendment of Technical Service Rules, Purchase of computers, Appointment of Consultants, maintenance of log books, Hiring of private vehicles and some other issues.

(b) and (c) In response to the observations made by Audit, all the concerned Divisions/Sections were asked to furnish their replies along with necessary details/documents. The replies were received and have been sent to the Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Agriculture. In the light of further

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